

# BUILDING IN 1927 BREAKS MARK

Torrance Permits Lead State on Per Capita Basis  
AVERAGE OVER \$6400  
Total Passes Two Million Point by Wide Margin

Passing the \$2,000,000 mark by a wide margin, building permits in Torrance in 1927 broke all local records, led the whole state of California on a per capita basis and centered attention on this city as one of the most flourishing districts on the Pacific Coast.

Permits for the year aggregated \$2,119,922. During the year 330 permits were issued. The average value of each piece of construction was therefore \$6,424, an unusually high figure.

Permits issued in 1926 aggregated \$457,782. The increase for 1927 was \$1,662,140.

A study of the 1927 permit book reveals a healthy growth of Torrance, industrially, commercially and residentially. During the year permits were issued for 208 dwelling units, for an average of almost one per working day.

Ten permits were issued for industrial construction, including additions to old industries and permits for new plants.

Business growth was marked during the year. Permits were issued for seventeen new stores of business blocks.

Permits for 1923 started out with a rush. The aggregate for January was \$1,770 yesterday. The chief permits issued so far this year are as follows: Pacific Telephone and Telephone Company, 1266 Sartori avenue, telephone exchange building, \$12,000; W. J. Hayman, 2828 Redondo boulevard, duplex dwelling, \$4,800.

## Torrance Fetes Harbor District Chambers Jan. 12

300 Guests Will Dine, Hear Talk at Women's Clubhouse

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce will hold their annual installation meeting at the Women's Clubhouse in Torrance on Thursday night, Jan. 12. About 300 persons from all parts of the Harbor district are expected to attend.

Hugh R. Pomeroy, secretary of the Los Angeles County Planning Commission will deliver the principal address. He will explain the status and operation of the city's committee appointed by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to conduct a survey of parks, playgrounds and beaches in Southern California.

The Compton municipal band will furnish music. Harry Reed, well known in Torrance is leader of the band.

The following officers will be installed here: president, Frank Walton; vice-presidents, Sam Doddick of Southgate; Fred C. Plinkle of Los Angeles, E. M. Mansour of Inglewood; secretary, Carl L. Hyde of Torrance; treasurer, Peter R. Ritchie.

## Council Refuses Arlington Avenue Business Zoning

The city council turned thumbs down on two proposals to transfer Arlington avenue property south of Carson street from the residence to the business zone. One petition asked for a change of zone from Carson to 222nd street. A check showed that more residents signed the petition opposing the change than signed the one favoring it. Six signed both papers. The second petition asked for a rezoning of Lot 29 in Block 21. It was also turned down by the council.

A real plan service. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

**BILL THE BARBER SAYS**  
I met a queer girl—she refused an offer to go to a big University game!

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## SESSION OF COUNCIL OF COUNCIL SIZZLES

### C. of C. Election Now Going on to Name Five Directors

#### Trade Hot Shots As City's History Passes In Review

Sub-Station Controversy Opens Way for Slam-Bang Argument as Citizens Engage in Free-for-All Debate Tuesday Night

#### CHARLES RAYMOND MAPS OPPONENTS OF PROGRESS

Covers History from Sewer Farm to Date in Stinging Rebuke to "Obstructionists"; Charge Klusman Cost Torrance Taxpayers \$88,000

One of those old-fashioned, rip-roaring pre-election meetings sizzled its hot way from beginning to adjournment when the City Council held its semi-monthly session at the City Hall Tuesday night. Matters of public concern dating back to the early days of the city's existence as a corporate entity and coming right down to date, were debated with that acrimony and acidity which has ever marked meetings of the City Council as municipal elections have approached. Such ancient subjects as the sewer farm bonds were spiritedly discussed as players on the political stage and just plain citizens seeking no office entered the lists with verbal shafts un-sheathed.

A large crowd was present, being attracted to the meeting by the scheduled hearing on the Edison Company for a rezoning of two lots on Mayfield avenue for the purpose of erecting a power sub-station to serve Torrance. A petition signed by residents of land nearby the lots was presented. The Council referred the petition to the City Clerk Bartlett for the order of business to reach "oral communications."

Edison Man Speaks  
Mayor Dennis asked C. W. Koiner, manager of this district for the Edison company to explain what the company desired. Mr. Koiner said that the company would erect a slightly bungalow building for its sub-station, located at the station. He said that the company intended to serve industries, present and projected, as well as to serve homes and residences. He promised that no overhead wires would run into the station and that the line and station equipment would not interfere with radio reception except when insulation became faulty. He said that factory insulations would be immediately repaired. The property owners said that they had no objection to the sub-station as a building, but feared interference with radio reception. Spokesmen for the residents said they had invested their money in the district and that the station would depreciate their property. They asked why the company would not put the station in the industrial district.

Raymond Draws Sword  
Councilman Charles Raymond then rose and delivered an impassioned address against what he termed "obstructionists" to projects of community progress.

"Since I have lived in Torrance," said Mr. Raymond, "there has been opposition to every project of public improvement." The councilman then related some instances. He cited the opposition to the bond issue for the purchase of the sewer farm, pointing out that the city lost thousands on thousands of dollars because of the opposition to this project.

He cited the opposition to the location of the General Petroleum Corporation's refinery here and asked whether Torrance wants new industries or not. "If we don't want new industries, let's say so and quit spending money to get them here," he shouted.

#### Observations

Nicaragua and The Blood Cost of Our Panama Canal—No Wonder Europe Envis Us—Let Us Be Generous—The Big Hoover Bandwagon

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

ONCE more the American people are shocked and those of Central America pained at the slaughter of Nicaraguans and Americans, which is the result of our national determination to remain the undisputed over-lord of all republics close to the Caribbean.

Our marines are in Nicaragua because the United States must protect the Panama Canal. When rebels threatened the existence of the Nicaragua government last year European citizens were in danger and at least two European governments threatened to send warships to the little republic. Naturally the United States could not stand for this without throwing the Monroe Doctrine into the waste basket. We cast our lot with the Nicaraguan regime, sent marines in force to Central America, put down the revolution, and guaranteed a fair election in 1928. Our intervention has been at the cost of a great many good American lives and those of hundreds of poor Nicaraguans.

There is no question about the fact that the move was essential to our integrity in Central America and the safety of the Panama Canal. The only thing that rubs us the wrong way is the real reason in Nicaragua for purely selfish reasons. There is no altruism about it.

TWO news despatches in Monday's papers struck us with their contrasting significance. The first came from Washington, the second from London. The Washington dispatch contained glowing predictions of unprecedented prosperity for all classes of Americans during 1928. The London article from London bespoke the dark broodings of Europe, and predicted that something unexpected will shatter the economic balance of the continent.

IT is no wonder that Europeans gaze with eyes of envy across the Atlantic. European newspapers are filled with articles telling about American prosperity, that American working men ride to their labors in automobiles, that every American home is fitted with electric lights and plumbing, that most Americans eat meat once or twice a day—and so on until all of the evidences of our tremendous wealth and luxurious living complete a picture which poverty stricken Europeans must gaze upon with sparring eyes.

Here even our strongest labor unions strike down the learning head of Communism whenever it is lifted in their councils. Here a prosperous people are satisfied with its form of government. Here the masses are more than apt to blame their condition on the government and overthrow the existing order. Meantime statesmen of Europe are leading their peoples closer and closer to the frowning doors of war.

FOR our part we are sorry that the debts which Europe owes to us were not cancelled a few years ago. It is now too late for cancellation, but it is not too late for our countrymen to adopt toward Europeans an attitude of generous understanding of Europe's woes. Just now conditions favor us tremendously. The star of Empire shines brightly over our heads. In Europe it can be seen but dimly if at all. Let us therefore be grateful for our good fortune and generous to those upon whom fortune is not smiling so gently.

Meantime we may be doubly thankful that fate wrote the records of our birth on this side of the Atlantic.

POLITICS again. Mr. Charles G. Dawes cannot be breathing so easily these days, albeit he is not one largely given to worry. Events of the past week have indicated that the boom for Hoover for President has assumed such proportions that it may, if it continues to grow, crown the secretary of commerce with the laurel wreath of the republican nomination.

#### PAULL TO BUILD HERE

Dodge Agency for District Is Coming to "The Hub" NOW SELECTING SITE Well Known Dealer with Branch Here Choosing New Headquarters

Another convincing proof of the fact that Torrance is day by day becoming more and more the commercial center of this district was brought home this week, when Allean Paull, Dodge motor car dealer for Torrance, Redondo Beach and Gardena announced that as soon as a location here is decided upon he will build a large sales and service station in Torrance and make it the headquarters for his flourishing organization.

Mr. Paull has been Dodge agent in this territory for 13 years, ever since Dodge cars were first manufactured. His success and that of his organization has been outstanding in this territory's motor car history.

At present W. J. Dieman is manager of the Paull branch in Torrance at the organization's temporary location at 1629 Cabrillo avenue. Mr. Dieman is an experienced automobile salesman and offers complete service for Dodge owners. The new Victory model of the Dodge is now on display here. Mr. and Mrs. Dieman are residing at the Mayfair apartments.

While an integral part of the extensive Dodge Brothers manufacturing organization and sharing in many of the economies that are possible to a big business, the Senior is built in a plant especially constructed and equipped for its exclusive production. It has its own staff of inspectors, and its own army of automobile workers.

The Senior line comprises four models: a cabriolet with collapsible top at \$1,595 f. o. b. Detroit, a 4-passenger coupe at \$1,570, a de luxe sedan at \$1,595 together with a standard sedan at \$1,495.

Footbrakes operating on all 4 wheels are the Lockheed hydraulic internal expanding design; the parking brake operating mechanically on the rear wheels. Gear shift is S. A. E. standard, to right and back for high gear.

#### Sister of Local Woman Succumbs

Mrs. Nannie Wray, 86, died suddenly Friday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Pearl Oakes of Wilmington. Mrs. Wray, a sister of Mrs. J. S. Tolson was well known in Torrance, having made her home here for four years. She was a practical nurse.

#### Tolson Auto Is Wrecked by L.A. Reckless Driver

Accused Pleads Guilty to Liquor Charge After Accident

The automobile of J. Edgar Tolson was almost completely wrecked late New Year's eve when it was struck by a car driven by N. B. DeLannoy of Los Angeles at the intersection of Carson street and Western avenue. DeLannoy was arrested on a charge of possessing liquor and reckless driving. He pleaded guilty before City Recorder Rippey and paid a fine of \$125. A similar amount was suspended.

J. Robledo of Hermosa Beach was arrested on the same night and charged with reckless driving. He is out under \$25 bail. He was arrested at Cota avenue and Redondo boulevard.

#### Famous Expert to Make Speech Here on Jan. 16

Public Invited to Annual Meeting of Torrance Chamber

The annual meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, at which time the annual report of the organization's activities in 1927 will be made and the program for 1928 outlined, will be held at the Women's Clubhouse at 6:30 Monday night, Jan. 16. Citizens of Torrance, whether members of the Chamber of Commerce or not are urged to attend. Tickets are now on sale at the three drug stores in Torrance and at the Chamber of Commerce offices.

#### Walteria Asks Annexation to Torrance City

Petition Requests Council to Call Election on Question

Signed by 28 citizens a petition seeking the annexation of Walteria to Torrance was presented to the City Council Tuesday night. The Council was requested to call an election on the question. Decision was postponed pending a check of the signatures by City Clerk Bartlett. At a recent election Walteria voted against annexing to Torrance. City Clerk Bartlett said that a preliminary survey indicated that the petition was signed by about one fourth of the citizens of the area proposed for annexation.

#### Basketball to Hold Sway Here Over Week End

High School Games Friday; Hot Match for Saturday Night

The Torrance Athletic Club basketball team will play the Shell Oil company five Friday night at the high school gymnasium at 7:30. The local boys recently lost a game to the Shell outfit by a score of 22 to 21. That game, by the way, is the only contest the local quintet has lost while three have been won.

#### 125 VOTED FOR AT PRIMARY

Widespread Choice Indicated As Members Cast First Ballots

Members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce are voting for five directors this week. The ballots must be at the office of the Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon January 9th.

Ten nominees were chosen in the primary which closed last Friday night. Their names together with the number of votes which each received are as follows: Rufus Page, 34; H. H. Dolley, 24; G. A. Maxwell, 22; Sam Levy, 27; James W. Lisch, 24; J. C. Smith, 19; B. C. Buxton, 18; W. W. Johnston, 15; Charles T. Rippey, 13; Geo. Peckham, 12.

Members will vote for five from among these ten. The four highest will be elected for two years and the fifth for one year.

Balloting at the primary revealed a wide choice among the members. One hundred and twenty-five members received one or more votes, the vote for those who were nominated was as follows:

10, Alfred Gouder.  
9, J. W. Barnes.  
8, W. L. Booth, R. J. DeJong, Donald Findley.  
7, M. J. Pix, John Holm, Dr. J. S. Lancaster, E. C. Nelson.  
6, Harvel Guttenfelder, John Dennis.  
5, C. A. Paxman.  
4, M. L. Darling, J. H. Fess, J. R. Jensen, Sam Rappaport, F. H. Steinhlirer, Dr. A. P. Stevenson, Herbert S. Wood, George W. Neill.  
3, Earl C. Conner, C. A. Curtis, R. S. Flaherty, Dr. O. E. Fossum, J. E. Hitchcock, E. W. Huddleston, Dr. C. L. Ingold, Charles Inman, N. F. Jamieson, L. B. Kelsey, W. T. Kussman, Fred Palmer, P. L. Parks, Hurum E. Reeve, Lewis Rippey, Charles Vonderhage, Grover C. Whyte, R. C. Young, Joe Stone.  
2, LeGrande Baskind, A. H. Bartlett, Eugene DeBra, M. P. Eby, W. H. Gilbert, P. O. Guy, Ben Hannebrink, H. A. Kemel, Dr. N. A. Leake, J. W. Macdowell, J. V. Murray, R. M. Musser, Lavelle Ott, H. W. Roberts, John Salm, Frank Sammons, Charles G. Schultz, D. Spurlin.  
1, L. J. Acree, C. P. Alverson, J. O. Boyd, P. G. Briney, Earl Butler, A. J. Colmerauer, Paul Dyes, J. M. Fitzgugh, Harry Gambicher. (Continued on Last Page)

#### WHAT'S ON IN TORRANCE

Tonight—W. R. C. at Lomita. Friday, Jan. 6—Mother's Educational Center, Women's Club, 10 a. m. to 12. Masonic Installation, Masonic Temple. C. S. Lecture, KFON, 8 p. m. Saturday, Jan. 7—Regular meeting, Jobs Daughters, 1:30 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 8—Services in all churches. 2:15, Decimo Club vs. Torrance, High School grounds. C. E. District Executive Board at Central Evangelical Guild Hall. Monday, Jan. 9—Directors' meeting, C. of C. Public invited. Brotherhood dinner, Methodist Church. Tuesday, Jan. 10—Regular meeting of Odd Fellows at Lomita. American Legion, W. B. A. and K. of C. Wednesday, Jan. 11—Regular meetings of Torrance Masons, Moose and Trio Rebekahs in installation. Missionary Service and Council, all day. Church. Thursday, Jan. 12—Regular meeting, O. E. S. District C. of E. Club.